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ACTION ITEMS AND DECISIONS

YUKON RIVER PANEL and RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 26 to 27, 2021
Online / Virtual Session

Public Session

1. (Decision) The proposed 2021 Yukon River Exchange project (and associated \$69,333.35 US budget) was approved by the Yukon River Panel.
2. (Action) The Yukon River Panel Co-Chairs will finalize the Yukon River Panel Communications Committee Terms of Reference in advance of the April 2021 Pre-Season Meeting.
3. (Action) The Yukon River Panel will consider the Joint Technical Committee's advice pertaining to "Restoration" project proposals when developing the 2022 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Call for Project Proposals. Specifically: *"The JTC continues to have concerns regarding the suite of restoration proposals seeking to use instream egg incubation methods. Our concerns are highlighted in our technical review document provided to the YRP."* (Reference – 2021 JTC R&E Proposal Review Summary - Dec. 3, 2020 (Page 3 and 4).
4. (Action) When developing the 2022 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Call for Proposals, the Yukon River Panel will consider the topic of additional Yukon River mainstem salmon assessment projects in Alaska.
5. (Action) The Yukon River Panel members will review the annual Restoration and Enhancement Fund cycle (timeline and associated submission / review and decision steps) when developing the 2022 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Call for Project Proposals.
6. (Action) The Yukon River Panel Co-Chairs will coordinate with the Joint Technical Committee Co-Chairs to incorporate Panel member interests and topics into a presentation on the development of a revised Canadian-origin Chinook Salmon Escapement Goal. The presentation will be provided by the Joint Technical Committee at the April 2021 Pre-Season meeting.

7. (Action) the Yukon River Panel Co-Chairs will schedule the opportunity for Panel discussion, consideration, and development of the process for the Canadian-origin Chinook Salmon Escapement Goal review. The discussion will include consideration of how to incorporate opportunity for scientific/technical, traditional/local and other information into the Panel's process.
8. (Decision) The Yukon River Panel advanced three bilateral questions for 2021 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Project proponents. The Panel's questions will be provided to the respective project proponents by the Restoration and Enhancement Fund Manager for response by March 1, 2021. The three bilateral questions advanced were:
 - CRE-16-21 (#4 Klondike River Chinook Salmon Sonar Project) - The project Proponent is requested to amend the project budget submitted to replace the proposed request for R&E funds to purchase a jet boat / motor (\$21,000) with a request for R&E funds to provide for a rental / lease of a jet boat and motor. The amended project budget should be submitted to the Yukon River Panel for further consideration.
 - CRE-17721N (#11 Stewart River Chinook Salmon Sonar Site Feasibility) - The project Proponent is requested to provide a map which identifies the location of the proposed candidate sites on the Stewart River where the suitability of sonar operation will be evaluated.
 - CRE-169-21 (#16 Ibex River Chinook Incubation Trial Year 2) - The project Proponent is requested to describe how the completion of only one, one-day late winter survey to observe locations in the stream with thin ice conditions is anticipated to provide a reliable indication of potential future egg incubation sites.
9. (Action) The Yukon River Panel Co-Chairs will confirm the dates selected for the 2021 Yukon River Panel Pre-Season meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for the first half of April and will occur via virtual session. The confirmed meeting dates will be posted on the Yukon River Panel's website in early February 2021.